

Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-39 (canceled)

Claim 40. (previously presented) A system for distributing music to users, comprising:

a transmitter blanket-transmitting a plurality of encoded digital music contents;

a plurality of user stations comprising:

a first input terminal receiving a user selection of a transmitted encoded music content to store;

a module receiving and storing the selected transmitted encoded music content;

an output terminal sending an indication of the user selection;

a decoder operable when enabled to decode the stored encoded music content;

a second input terminal receiving a key unique to the music content selected by the user to enable the decoder;

an anti-piracy module to embed an ID tag in the decoded music content; and

an output device supplying the decoded music content to the user from the decoder;

a central controller connected to the user stations and comprising a first input terminal receiving from a user station an indication of a user selection of a transmitted music content and a first output terminal transmitting to the user station a key unique to the selected music content; and

a billing system associated with the central controller to bill the user stations, wherein the billing system processes payment transactions from the user stations and the

central controller transmits the key only if a payment transaction for the key is completed in advance of the key transmission.

Claim 41-51. (canceled)